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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, February 25, 2021  
**TIME:** Rise of the House  
**PLACE:** House Lounge - State House

### **SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION**

**House Bill No. [5257](#)**

**BY Williams, Knight, Morales, Biah, Giraldo, Speakman, Henries, Potter, Barros, Batista ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT {LC77/1} (Prohibits discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing  
02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
02/11/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
02/18/2021 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [5217](#)**

**BY Nardone, Chippendale, Roberts, Noret, Morgan ENTITLED,** AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY {LC338/1} (This act would validate and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Coventry, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Coventry on November 3, 2020.)

01/28/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government  
02/01/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing  
02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
02/11/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
02/18/2021 Scheduled for consideration

### **SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION**

**House Bill No. [5126](#)**

**BY Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Abney ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS -- MIDDLETOWN {LC400/1} (Prohibits the operation of through commercial vehicles on Turner Road in Middletown.)

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government  
02/01/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing  
02/18/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5256](#)**

**BY Williams, Knight, Alzate, Caldwell, Giraldo**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --**

**MISCELLANEOUS RULES {LC56/1}** (Prohibits any city or town employee, including private contractors, removing trash from leaving trash receptacles in any condition or place so as to constitute a hazard on the street or highways, except private roads or driveways.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/18/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5259](#)**

**BY Edwards**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES {LC716/1}** (Creates a voluntary mechanism for municipalities to use to dedicate a park, conservation or other land they own as public trust land in perpetuity to protect and preserve its future use.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/18/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5260](#)**

**BY Edwards**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC721/1}** (Makes permanent the exemption from taxation for certain residential property developments which have not been completed or, if completed, have not been sold and occupied.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/18/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5323](#)**

**BY Place, Newberry, Chippendale**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FORM AND EFFECT OF**

**CONVEYANCES {LC344/1}** (Allows the towns of Burrillville and Glocester to publish notices in any newspaper located within their municipalities. This act would also allow publication in other designated platforms selected by their city or town councils.)

02/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/18/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5361](#)**

**BY Amore, Kazarian, Henries**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT {LC212/1}** (Includes East Providence in the Northern Rhode Island regional tourism district.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/08/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/18/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5477](#)**

**BY McLaughlin, Giraldo, Ackerman, Corvese**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CUMBERLAND TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 TO FINANCE THE DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR AND EQUIPPING OF RECREATIONAL AREAS AND FACILITIES IN THE TOWN {LC1571/1} (Authorizes the town of Cumberland to issue general obligation bonds and notes not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the development/improvement/repair/alteration/construction/renovation/equipping of recreational areas and facilities in the town.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/18/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**The State House remains closed to in-person testimony.**

The meeting will be televised on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at <http://rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx>.

**Both verbal and written testimony are welcome.**

### **VERBAL TESTIMONY**

Individuals interested in providing verbal testimony, send your name, phone number, bill number and position on legislation to: [HouseMunicipalGovernmentandHousing@rilegislature.gov](mailto:HouseMunicipalGovernmentandHousing@rilegislature.gov)

DEADLINE: Requests for verbal testimony must be submitted via the link, by 11:00 AM on Thursday, February 25, 2021.

### **WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

Written testimony should be submitted to:

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**Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.**

DEADLINE: In order for materials to be distributed to members and posted to the General Assembly website prior to the hearing, written testimony must be submitted no later than two (2) hours prior to the posted meeting time. All testimony received after deadline will be sent to committee members and posted to the website -- within 24 hours. For faster processing, it is recommended that testimony is submitted as a PDF file.

**Testimony will be posted on the General Assembly website,**  
<http://www.rilegislature.gov/Special/comdoc/Pages/HMUN.aspx>.

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